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## Fans' DIY deal over repairs at The Grove

URGENT repairs and maintenance work at the home of Halesowen Town football club will be carried out by supporters under new plans.

Improvements to The Grove stadium are crucial to bringing more football fans through the turnstiles to boost coffers, club management said.

It was decided at a trust board meeting last week that supporters group, The Yeltz Trust, will help with running the non-league outfit. A group met at the ground on Sunday to establish how much work needs to be done.

### Positive

Trust chairman Gary Willets said: "We need to bring in a system, for the time being at least, to make sure we continue the upkeep of the ground."

"The trust is willing to get involved in helping out because, after all, it is for the benefit of the club."

Mr Willets says talks with general manager Shaun Cunington have been positive regarding the possibility of the trust taking a more active role in the running of the club.

He said general maintenance, such as weeding, tidying up and painting, would be a priority. "We just need to get the ball rolling," he said.

## Speedy result on swine flu

A NEW test which more quickly determines the type of a flu a patient has is being offered in Sandwell.

The Xpert Flu test, which is being used by Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, differentiates between winter flu and swine flu in just over an hour.

## Shop under threat

A CAMPAIGN to save Dudley's threatened Benefits Shop has been launched by people who use it. The dedicated one-stop service, based in Priory Street, provides free advice. It may be forced to close to save the cash-strapped council hundreds of thousands of pounds a year.

## Figuring it all out

STUDENTS from Halesowen's Elars High School are hoping to figure highly in a UK Mathematics Trust intermediate competition on February 3 and the junior section on May 6.

# OUR MISERY - SCAM VICTIMS



Mark Dixon Nicholas Harris Matthew Higgins

**A COUPLE** from Halesowen who fell victim to cowboy builders who illegally made £1 million have told how they felt "stupid" for falling for the scam.

The three men were jailed for between six and eight years last week for conspiracy to defraud.

A judge asked them: "How can you sleep at night?" after hearing how they targeted 50 homeowners, carrying out shoddy work across 14 counties.

The men passed themselves off as experts in extensions, asking their targets for a deposit of at least 10 per cent of the cost.

When victims challenged them over the lack of progress, they were often threatened with legal action for breach of contract.

The Halesowen couple, who asked not to be named, paid out £12,000 for an extension and left over the garage.

Only around £5,500 worth of work was completed after the deal was agreed in August 2007.

The couple said they felt "stupid" and "gullible" when they found out what had gone on, despite carrying out a number of checks before signing up for the work.

The wife said: "They were really professional at first but I started to become suspicious around the end of September when things started to slow down and they were still asking for money."

They eventually discovered the truth when contacted by someone working for the firm who had realised what was happening.

Gang leader Nicholas Harris, aged 45, was jailed for eight years, Mark Dixon, 43, was locked up for seven years and Matthew Higgins, 34, was given six years. All were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud by a jury.

One victim in Wednesfield paid £14,000 for a single storey extension to his house which was never finished.

A victim in Oldbury paid £19,800 for work on an extension started in 2007.

Sentencing the three Gloucester men at Bristol Crown Court on Friday, Judge David Ticehurst said their "lies and deception" had left customers with buildings exposed to the elements, walls falling down, sewer pipes broken and calls unreturned.

### Deliberate

A boy with cerebral palsy had to sleep on an airbed because Harris and his accomplices had let them down, he said.

Judge Ticehurst asked: "How can you sleep at night? This was deliberate and planned."

Detective Chief Inspector David Sellwood said: "The substantial sentences show how seriously the courts take this kind of cynical operation."

"It is tempting to call these men cowboy builders but really they are criminals, pure and simple."

Harris was able to hire five cars with the proceeds including two Mercedes, a Range Rover, a Toyota Landcruiser and a BMW 745i. A jury convicted the trio, of conspiracy to defraud between April 2005 and October 2007 following a three-month trial.

## Teenager Tom at helm for canal trips



Tom Downing, aged 18, puts the finishing touches to the Blackcountry Man

A FATHER and son team are putting finishing touches to renovating a Black Country narrowboat which has carried hundreds of passengers.

The Blackcountry Man boat, usually moored at the Bonded Warehouse, off Canal Street, Stourbridge, hosts pleasure cruises, comedy nights and historical tours highlighting the town's glass industry. Long-serving captain and trip operator Mick Bourne retired aged 64 last year.

### Experience

Stourbridge Canal Trust wanted a new person at the helm and Tom Downing, 18, stepped up.

His father, Andy, helped transform and update the boat ready for its new season starting in spring.

They plan a new series of boat trips starting in April. "We've worked together on it which has been good as he has the experience of working in the dry dock," said Tom, of Swan Street, Netherton. Trust bosses decided to choose Tom over six other candidates.

Tourist site job hopes in fresh bid for funding

ALMOST 200 jobs will be created at Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Museum and Dudley Canal Trust under a £46.5 million investment plan.

The tourist attractions are jointly bidding for cash as part of a Transforming Dudley vision, which will see the sites revitalised.

The project has asked for £2m from the government with the rest of its proposed £46.5m investment coming from private sources and Europe. It is one of four cash bids in the Black Country.

The Black Country Reinvestment Society is asking for £8m to help create 880 jobs and safeguard 4,968 more by providing loans to businesses.

The Transforming Dudley project will see Dudley Zoo, Dudley Canal Trust and the Black Country Living Museum create joint visitor and arrival facilities and revitalise their attractions.

The Black Country Consortium, which works on behalf of the councils, estimates that 20 jobs will be safeguarded at the three organisations and 193 will be created.

## Museum's trams may not run until Easter

BLACK Country Living Museum trams and trolleybuses may be out of action until Easter as repair work is done, it has emerged.

They have stopped running after thieves stole a section of overhead electrical wiring at the Tipton Road site. Bosses said experts

were still assessing the extent of damage to cables and connectors but hoped to be fully operational for Easter.

The cost of work is not yet known. The museum said, due to the historic nature of the tramway, it was hard to predict how long restoration would take, as it would

require specialist work. Spokeswoman Fiona Carding said: "We are working hard to reinstate the tram and would hope it would become fully operational in time for Easter."

A vintage coach service is now being used to transport visitors around the site.

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## Girls walking tall for charity fundraising



Stiltwalkers Emma Acton (top left) and Marie Acton with Rockettes Heidi Bytheway (front left) Bryony Hodgkinson and Domanique Savage-Ramsay

SINGERS, dancers and DJs are getting together to raise cash for charity at a Black Country variety night this week.

The Big Night Out, at the Kingfisher Hotel, Kidderminster Road, Wall Heath, has been organised by girl group The Rockettes on Friday, January 28.

The threesome, who perform hits from the 50s to 80s, will be joined by reggae band Progression and jazz act the Kings of Swing. Burlesque dancers Pin-Ups will show off their moves before the party runs into the early hours with a disco, and stiltwalkers Emma and Marie Acton will be on hand to keep the audience entertained between acts.

The Rockettes comprise Heidi Bytheway, 24, of West Bromwich, Bryony Hodgkinson, 25, and Domanique Savage-Ramsay, 24, both of Wolverhampton. They have only been performing together since September but their popularity has grown at clubs across the Black Country.

Proceeds from the event will go to Macmillan Cancer Support and the British Heart Foundation. For tickets and information call 07792740509.

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# Parents fume as head pushes academy plan

A HALESOWEN school faces a protest over its bid to go it alone as an independent academy, and a petition has been handed in calling for parents and other townsfolk to be given more say in the decision.

Windsor High School's headteacher insists that the governors have carried out a "substantial process of consultation" since announcing the proposal last September to become an academy free from Dudley Council control from April 1.

Teachers' unions collected 150 names on a petition in Halesowen town centre calling on the governors to hold a "full and proper" consultation. They say few people knew of the plan until last week.

Parent Tony Barnsley, of Cherry Tree Lane, said: "I am alarmed that we have not been able to listen or take part in a discussion over the future of our child's school."

In September, the school newsletter and website said it was considering academy status, bringing £472,000 extra funding a year.

Head Keith Sorrell said: "We had a substantial process of consultation with parents and the community throughout last term."

"We gave a deadline for responses in October, but we had none. We have more than exceeded what we were required to do."

Martin Lynch, of the NUT, said although the current head and governors may be committed to running the school for local pupils, there was nothing binding on their successors.

### Church history

A TALK on the founding and architecture of Black Country churches will be held at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2.30pm on February 25 by local history book author Tim Bridges.

For ticket information, call the town hall on 01384 812945.

### Animal magic at nursing home

KEEPERS from Dudley Zoo took their animals to visit residents at a Black Country nursing home. The zoo's outreach team let residents get up close to the animals at Newlyn Court Nursing Home in Bilston, last Thursday.

## Shock for ICT team schools

A SCHOOL project in Dudley costing millions is under threat after the Government pulled the plug on local authority projects financed by the private sector.

Dudley Council chose RM Education as its preferred bidder for a £30 million contract to provide and manage ICT services for up to 120 primary, secondary and special schools and pupil referral units.

The 10-year contract is worth around £3 million a year to be funded by the schools.

Private Finance Initiative credits worth £10m were earmarked to pay for a third of the scheme by the Department for Education

and the Department for Communities and Local Government.

But the council has now been told it can no longer draw in the private sector cash earmarked for the project.

### Important

Stourbridge MP Margot James told the Commons last week: "This amounts to a sudden cut in funding – £10 million over the next decade – for an important information and communications technology programme".

Dudley's cabinet member for children's services, Councillor Liz Walker, said she was seeking clarification from the Government.

## Ferrets in the runs for cricketers



Stourbridge Cricket club fundraising committee member Emma Pardoe with head coach Dave Banks and Caroline Hornberger, of the Heart of England Ferret Association

KEEN Stourbridge cricketers plan a race night with a difference – featuring 28 ferrets scurrying around a table.

The event at Stourbridge Cricket Club will raise cash for equipment for the youth section.

A track will be set up on tables, with tunnels and obstacles for the animals to tackle.

Punters will bet on the races and organiser Mark Ashbourne hopes to generate more than £1,000.

"We've been holding race nights for a few years where people bet on videos of horse races, but that was becoming very similar. This will be completely different," he said.

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**Photographers in the frame with new exhibition**



From left, John Smith, Mike Edwards, who won best picture, and Rick Williams

**Hundreds of pictures showcased**

FROM canal scenes to an aerial display by the Red Arrows keen amateur photographers in the Black Country are showcasing the best of their work.

Hundreds of pictures taken both home and abroad are showcased in the annual exhibition by Dudley Camera Club.

The club has more than 40 members with several people joining its ranks this year. Around 170 photographs adorn the walls of Dudley Museum and Art Gallery while a further 130 are projected onto a large screen as part of the exhibition.

Winner of the best overall image this year was 74-year-old Mike Edwards with his picture called Page with a red hat. Mr Edwards, from Sedgley, also claimed a prize for his image called Italian Students which was highly commended by judges.

Among those whose work is taking pride of place in the exhibition is retired engineer John Smith, aged 72, from Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, who has been a member for six years.

His pictures include a snow scene taken while on holiday in north Wales in November.

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# Big merger of libraries is planned

A MASS MERGER of all library services in the Black Country could save the region more than £1million a year, it has emerged.

Council bosses from the four Black Country authorities will hold meetings over the coming months to discuss the potential for a single, centrally controlled library service.

Initial estimates put potential savings at £300,000 a year per council. A feasibility study is already under way. Dudley Council's cabinet

member for libraries Councillor David Simms said: "When you combine a number of services, there will obviously be some overlap."

"Jobs going would probably be where some of the thousands of savings come from."

"But if we can make the library service more efficient and cost-effective, we won't have to close any more."

## Proposal

If agreed, the plan would come into action by 2013. A full proposal is expected by the end of March.

The news comes days after Walsall Council said it will close six of its 16 council-run libraries and save £1.3million. Discussions are also under way at Sandwell.

In 2007 Dudley Council said it would close five libraries and replace them with four smaller "library links".

A report from the Society of Chief Librarians in November found that a West Midlands-wide library service would not be feasible but commissioned a further review to examine the possibility of sharing back-office functions.

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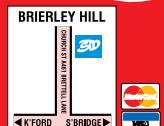
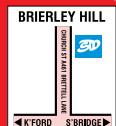
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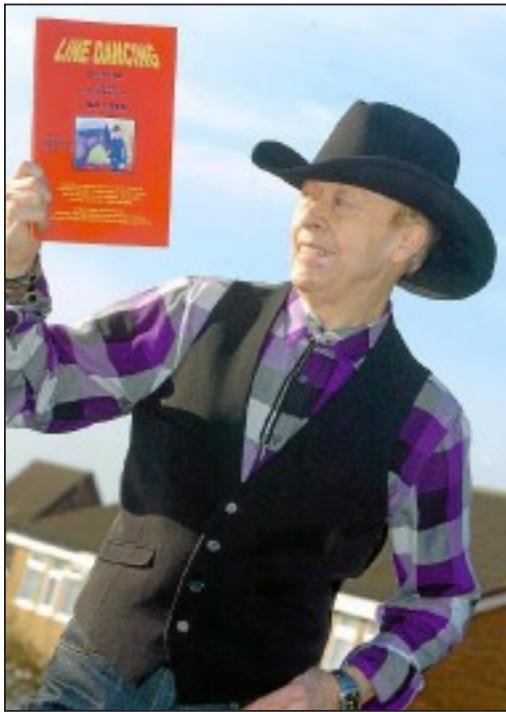
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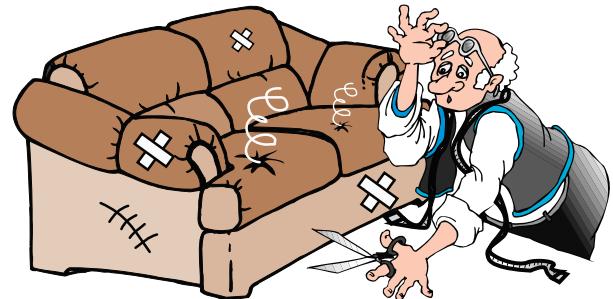
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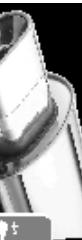
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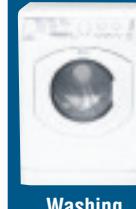
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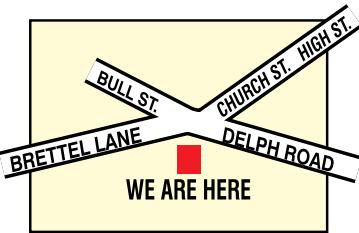
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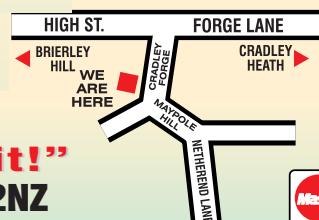


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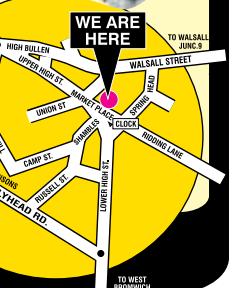
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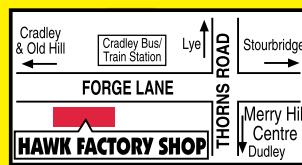
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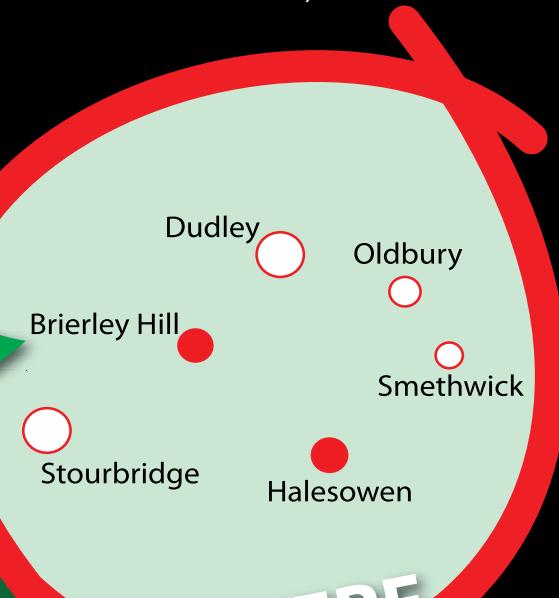
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While the number of people failing breath tests over the Christmas period dropped overall, 5.6 per cent of drivers tested after accidents last month failed compared to 3.9 per cent in the same period the previous year.

Pc Steve Rogers, of West Midlands Police, said: "While these figures show some positive results in terms of the

total number of people testing positive for drink-driving, there is still work to be done in terms of reducing the overall number."

Nationally, more than 200 drunk and drugged drivers were caught every day by police during the festive period campaign.

Officers in England and Wales arrested more than 6,600 drivers during the month-long initiative, the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) said.



Staff from Scot Young Research outside the new manufacturing and warehousing base

## Firm to clean up after expansion

LYE company Scot Young Research has moved to new premises to expand the business, after securing a £1.5 million funding package.

The origins of the company go back to 1954 when entrepreneur Scot Young emigrated from the UK to Canada and started a window cleaning business in Toronto, then an internal building cleaning company.

Following this success, Scot returned to the UK opening similar businesses in Glasgow and Manchester.

Further expansion followed worldwide and included opening a branch in Birmingham in 1977.

In 1985 the business switched from cleaning to the manufacturing of cleaning equipment and materials.

Today, SYR has three manufacturing bases in the USA, China

and Lye, where it employs 150 people. Now, with financial support from NatWest Business and Commercial Banking, it has expanded into newly-renovated premises on Dudley Road.

The purchase has seen SYR expand its production and assembly facility.

Company secretary Dave Deo said: "At SYR we pride ourselves on inventing, innovating, manufacturing and assembling cleaning equipment and materials."

### Excited

He added: "This dedication has meant we have grown our customer base even during these challenging times, and have needed to find a bigger work space."

"We are very excited about the expansion into new premises and for the business benefits it will

bring for both us and our customers."

The move brought new life to a Black Country factory, the site had been occupied by Bronx Manufacturing.

The building went on the market for £1.4 million in 2009 after the collapse of the firm after nearly 70 years at the Lyte site.

About 30 workers at Bronx, which produced large machinery, were made redundant.

When the sale deal was first sealed, SYR chairman and owner Scot Young, aged 74, said he was "thrilled" the company had signed the papers and now owned the factory.

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With all those people going in and out of your house why not tile the floors that get the most punishment. Kitchen floors that are tiled are hygienic and trouble free and a hall or porch with a tiled floor won't be damaged by dripping broomsticks, dribbling wellies and muddy dogs.

#### Lifetime

Bathrooms and cloakrooms are also hard to keep fresh. Tiled floors are easy to keep clean, very smart looking and don't mind if you don't quite shut the shower door. For extra luxury add underfloor heating. It is surprisingly inexpensive and easy to install. You can put floor tiles on most suspended wooden floors – consult a member of The Tile Association.

And with it being that time of year again everybody is looking for a bargain. Here are a few tips on buying tiles in the sales.

Always buy more tiles than you need. You should slightly over estimate anyway for breakages and cuts but think to the future.

Tiles can last a lifetime and in five years a new bath, a new shower screen or new radiators can leave small gaps. Tiles bought in

the sales are unlikely to be available again.

Mix and match. You can buy small quantities of different tiles and create panels, stripes or a chequerboard effect.

Choose a bold statement tile and create an accent

panel or feature wall using cheaper plain tiles as the background. Choose vibrant metallic or glass borders that aren't in the sale and team with plain coloured tiles from the bargain section. Work your scheme out carefully before you buy and do make sure that the tiles are the same size and thickness.

Mosaic tiles come on a mesh background and can be easily cut into strips to make a border of any width you like. You can team these with large format white tiles for a very stylish bathroom. Buy more of the mosaic and create an accent wall over the bath, in the shower or above the basin with a mirror set in.

Buy decorated tiles and panels for your kitchen and team with cheaper plain tiles. Once again do be sure they are the same size. For a really minimalist look choose white tiles for your kitchen walls and use a bright primary colour just behind the hob.

You can often find plain tiles in size 100x200mm left over from commercial projects. Working it out carefully you can create brick effect, herringbone and basket weave

patters to name just three. The brick effect looks really good in deep colours used half way up a wall in a hallway. Top with a border and a moulding in tile or wood and you have an almost indestructible surface on a wall that gets lots of hard wear.

#### Reliable

On floors use the herringbone and basket weave patterns to make plain floor tiles look special. For a very rustic look choose a chequerboard floor in red and black or brown and black unglazed tiles or choose black and white for a more Victorian effect.

Select carefully and plan beforehand and you can add lasting value to your home at sales prices.

For more information on using tiles go to [www.tiles.org.uk](http://www.tiles.org.uk). It is the website of The Tile Association which represents all aspects of the wall and floor tile industry in the UK, from manufacture to installation. There you can download a copy of the DIY guide "Tile it Right", find a reputable tile supplier and find a reliable and experienced tile fixer.

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# Talking Italian, this one is too good for words . . .

YOU'VE no doubt walked past it on your way to some of Birmingham's main entertainment venues, Brindleyplace is definitely the place to go, with the bridge over the canal all lit up at night it is like being on holiday.

But next time you step out that way going to the NIA, the ICC or the Symphony Hall, or even on your way to the shops, take a closer look and you will find that the area is buzzing. And with the latest attraction it is even more appealing.

Yes, the taste of Italy has come to Brindleyplace, in the shape of Carluccio's. The new restaurant which opened there recently is in the heart of this bustling area and offers Carluccio's much-loved combination of café, restaurant, foodshop and deli. It is the ideal destination for breakfast, coffee and pastries, light lunch, a three course meal with wine or even a spot of retail therapy.

The restaurant offers an array of authentic Italian dishes, from delicious antipasti and fresh handmade pasta, to seasonal fish, meat and vegetarian mains and decadent desserts, with two courses setting you back as little as £15.

## Popular

The deli is brimming with freshly-made dishes available for lunch on-the-go including tasty ciabatta sandwiches, piadina (Italian flat bread), light salads and other dishes. Head to the food shop to browse shelves with Italian oil, wines, coffee, biscuits, pastas, polenta, rice, antipasti, sausages and handmade sweets.

Despite the fact that it is relatively the 'new kid on the block' it is proving very popular. One lovely touch is that the food is available to take out or if you want to eat in you can pick one of the lovely pastries you see on the way in to go with your coffee at the end of your meal. This what we opted to do after a busy shopping afternoon and before we went to a show.

It was a cold day and the restaurant was lovely and warm and very spacious so no-one can listen in to your conversation and the service is very attentive. Our waitress Georgia was quickly on hand answering any questions we had and pointing us to the



Exterior and (inset) interior views of Carluccio's

specials boards. She also kept a regular check on our table to see that used plates were taken away promptly.

We tried the soups, parsnip and pea and ham, both served piping hot with ciabatta followed by sea bream and steak, both served with roasted potatoes. There are several different side dishes on offer but the meals themselves, which are beautifully served, are very generous so you may not need one.

As we had spotted a lovely Apricot on the way we opted to have that to go with our coffee. All very nice and the perfect way to relax before a show.

Manager Mark Titley is very enthusiastic about Italian food and it shows. This is obviously very much a labour of love for him.

"Brindleyplace is the ideal place for an authentic Italian restaurant and is going



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## Changing Lifestyles

# Keep gardening diary of success and failure

A NEW year brings new beginnings in all our lives and especially in our gardens.

It's time to take stock of last year to see what went well and learn what we can do better this season.

I'm full of optimism for 2011, writes John Clowes. The positive uplift that gardening provides, together with the benefit of regular exercise, will see me investing more time in the garden and on the allotment.

Hopefully all families will be doing the same – especially if there are children to teach. Keeping notes of successes and failures provides good pointers for better results this year.

My successes include a great crop of carrots that had little damage from carrot root fly. This proves that 1m walls of clear plastic do prevent the flying females from laying their eggs and ruining my carrot crop.

Just four plants of yellow courgettes (T&M F1 Hybrid 'Soleil') weren't prolific enough for the kitchen and I must grow two or three green ones to boost total yields.

### Stringless

They were completely unaffected by mildew, but perhaps they needed some extra feeding with Miracle-Gro Fruit & Vegetable Plant Food.

My climbing French beans, Sultanah, proved worth their weight in gold. They cropped well during the warm weather of June and July producing mountains of long, tender and stringless pencil-podded beans.

Only by the end of August were the pink-flowered runner beans Celebration producing anything like the same amount.

Family and neighbours agreed the French beans were the best they had tasted. They are on my seed list again this year, as will be butternut squash Cobnut that produced good winter squash that ripened and stored well.



French beans Sultanah proved popular with family and friends

Japanese anemones make a great flower display in the autumn, but standard varieties grow to quite a size that is too big for most narrow flower beds. That's why the compact variety Pretty Lady Diana was a great addition in my garden. So too was Thompson & Morgan's first-ever red rubeckia, Cherry Brandy.

Shrub discovery of 2010 was Loropetalum chinense Fire Dance. This relative of the witch hazel is evergreen with plenty of small heart-shaped leaves plum red in colour that carry along its stems deep pink spidery flowers. It seems to bloom all summer through from March to October, although the textbooks will tell you it produces most blooms in spring. The books will also say it will grow to 1–2m tall, although my plant is spreading outwards, rather than upwards, and makes a wonderful ground-hugging display.

And on to the reverse side of the garden-

ing coin – here are some of the 'not so good' results from 2010. All my sowings of rocket leaves were affected badly by flea beetle that drilled holes into every leaf, making all unsuitable for the salad bowl. Next year I will try to grow undamaged leaves in pots on the patio using Miracle-Gro All Purpose Compost.

Purple sprouting broccoli this year was disappointing as the pigeons ate more of the crop than the family. That's because the netting has developed holes over the years and must be replaced. Pests must be excluded totally if you are to get a half decent crop.

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Chunks of lamb marinated in homemade yoghurt & cooked in a tandoori.	
<b>Tandoori Chicken</b>	£2.95
Marinated in special spices and yoghurt & cooked in a tandoori.	
<b>Sheekh Kebab</b>	£2.45
Lamb Mince combined with special spices & cooked in a tandoori.	
<b>Fish Pakora</b>	£2.85
Tender pieces of fish marinated in ginger, garlic & mint with a hint of spices then dipped in spiced gram flour & deep fried.	
<b>Onion Bhagee (v)</b>	£2.00
Deep Fried golden balls of sliced onions, potatoes & spinach.	
<b>Somasa (veg) (v)</b>	£2.00
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### MAINS.

<b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	£4.45
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Tandoori Sheekh Kebab	£5.45
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**Monday - Thursday** 2 pm - 10.30 pm

**Friday** 12 Noon - 12.30 am

**Saturday** 12 Noon - 12.00 am

**Sunday** 12 noon - 11.00 pm

### Food Served

**Monday - Thursday** 5 pm - 9.30 pm

**Friday - Saturday** 12 Noon - 11.00 pm

**Sunday** 12 Noon - 10.00 pm



### Lamb Tikka .....

£5.75  
Chunks of lamb marinated in homemade yoghurt & cooked in a tandoori.

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### Chicken Tikka Burger .....

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### Chicken Madras .....

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### VINDALOO BALTI.

### Chicken Vindaloo .....

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Lamb Vindaloo .....

### Fish Vindaloo .....

£5.45  
Prawn Vindaloo .....

### VEGETABLE BALTI.

### Vegetable Balti (v) .....

£4.95  
Assorted seasonal vegetables cooked in curry sauce with herbs.

### Chana Aloo Balti .....

£4.95  
Chick peas & potatoes cooked in masala sauce.

### Turka Daal (v) .....

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### Sagg Paneer (v) .....

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### OTHER BALTI.

### Keema .....

£5.95  
Lamb mince and peas.

### Tandoori Chicken Makhni .....

£5.45  
Pieces of Chicken, roasted in a clay oven, cooked in special sauce, ground almond, yoghurt, butter & cream.

### SIDE DISHES.

### Chips .....

£1.25  
Salad .....

### Plain Rice .....

£1.45  
Naan .....

### Garlic Naan .....

£1.55  
Keema Naan .....

### Tandoori Roti .....

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Raitha .....

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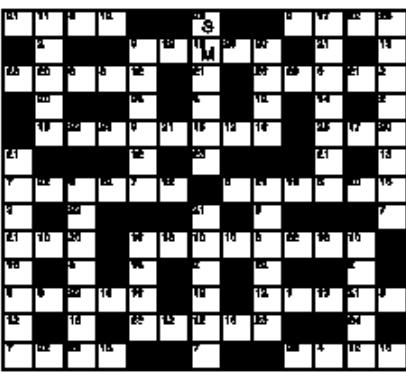
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# Brain Gym

No.101

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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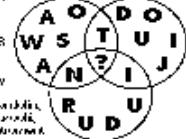
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## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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The letters are supplied by the question word in Q. Below this is a wordless crossword, all types of entertainment.



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

**Cryptic Clues:****Across**

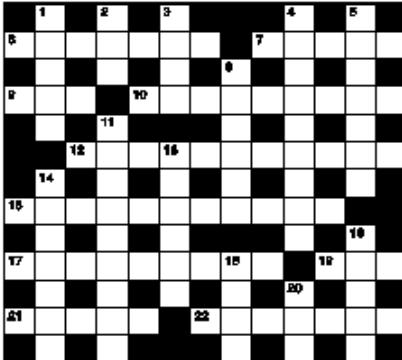
- He foresees sun port before the return? (7)
- Ideal group to play an eight-note red? (5)
- Son in one Eastern land (3)
- Spoke in broken English? (6)
- Slight variation in silver and copper, perhaps? (6)
- The bread's office (11)
- Policeman comes into a piece of furniture (9)
- Sounds like a short age of itself (3)
- Very active position to end up in? (5)
- Fable that's stiff or limp? (4)
- Rival bird is not on time? (7)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

- Income? (7)
- Conor (5)
- Coved (3)
- Occy (3)
- Fear (11)
- Inletment (11)
- Hanging (9)
- Stronge (3)
- Hut (5)
- Ext (7)

**Down**

- Colour for putting on (5)
- Filling a small point (3)
- Possibly talk it's not right? (4)
- Ologrammatic form of collection (5)
- Get even with Reg., perhaps? (7)
- Spanking terrorist? (6)
- Insuperable odification of infection? (9)
- You've not been going straight if you have to make this up (6)
- Approves of Indian forms of support (7)
- Female groups of action? (5)
- Fable that's stiff or limp? (4)
- Really includes everything? (3)

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:**

CRYPTIC: Across: 1 Shopping centre, 3 Organise, 5 Holes, 10 Lids, 11 Ticks, 14 Squares, 16 Chairs, 18 City, 20 Shampoo, 22 Pneumonia, 24 Oval, 1 Blue, 2 Stamps, 3 Pill, 4 Apartment, 5 Suds, 6 Straw, 11 Sheep, 12 Orange, 15 Arrows, 17 Paws, 18 Hand, 21 Puff, 22 Tissue, 23 Sausage, 24 Lemon, 25 Sheep, 26 Hand, 27 Hand, 28 Tissue, 29 Sheep, 30 Orange, 31 Sheep, 32 Hand, 33 Sheep, 34 Sheep, 35 Sheep, 36 Sheep, 37 Sheep, 38 Sheep, 39 Sheep, 40 Sheep, 41 Sheep, 42 Sheep, 43 Sheep, 44 Sheep, 45 Sheep, 46 Sheep, 47 Sheep, 48 Sheep, 49 Sheep, 50 Sheep, 51 Sheep, 52 Sheep, 53 Sheep, 54 Sheep, 55 Sheep, 56 Sheep, 57 Sheep, 58 Sheep, 59 Sheep, 60 Sheep, 61 Sheep, 62 Sheep, 63 Sheep, 64 Sheep, 65 Sheep, 66 Sheep, 67 Sheep, 68 Sheep, 69 Sheep, 70 Sheep, 71 Sheep, 72 Sheep, 73 Sheep, 74 Sheep, 75 Sheep, 76 Sheep, 77 Sheep, 78 Sheep, 79 Sheep, 80 Sheep, 81 Sheep, 82 Sheep, 83 Sheep, 84 Sheep, 85 Sheep, 86 Sheep, 87 Sheep, 88 Sheep, 89 Sheep, 90 Sheep, 91 Sheep, 92 Sheep, 93 Sheep, 94 Sheep, 95 Sheep, 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# Plenty of style with high spec Aygo Go!



Toyota's Aygo Go! city car has a bundle of multi-media features to keep motorists in touch and in tune

When the going gets tough, Aygo Go! will make life behind the wheel that bit calmer thanks to a bundle of multi-media features to keep motorists on course, in touch and in tune.

The latest addition to Toyota's city car line-up comes as standard with a removable TomTom satellite navigation unit that has touch screen controls and a voice recognition function.

Not only will it guide you to where you want to go, it will even tell what the weather will be like when you arrive and flag up points of interest along the way – including filling stations.

The sat-nav comes along with Bluetooth and a USB port for connecting iPods and other digital music players to the audio



if required. Aygo Go! adds a healthy helping of extra style, too, with new-design alloy wheels, dark-tinted rear privacy glass and a leather-trimmed steering wheel.

New exterior colours are Chilli Red and Cirrus White, with metallic Carbon Quartz available as an option.

Air conditioning can also be specified, together with the dedicated Aygo Style and Protection option packs.

Aygo Go! is available in both three and five-door body styles and is powered by the frugal International Engine of the Year award-winning 1.0-litre three cylinder VVT-i petrol engine with manual or Multi-Mode transmission.

Prices: Aygo Go! three-door: £9,750; Aygo Go! three-door: (with air con) £10,760; Aygo Go! five-door: £10,105; Aygo Go! five-door: (with air con) £11,115.

## Don't rely on instinct when you go to buy

BRITISH car buyers still rely too much on their 'trust instinct' and fail to ask for bills of sale or service history documentation when buying a used vehicle.

Many cling on to the idea of a 'gentleman's agreement' for fear of offending the seller when they should treat the transaction as a formal business agreement.

Vehicle information expert HPI warned that many drivers were distracted by gadgets and a shiny exterior.

But a top-of-the-range vehicle specification is no con-solat if it turns out the vehicle has been stolen, has outstanding finance against it, or has been clocked or cloned.

An HPI check offers used car buyers the protection they need.

### Attention

Consumer services manager Nicola Johnson said: "It is well known that initial impressions are formed in the first 20 seconds of meeting, and it may be in the first 20 seconds of viewing a vehicle that a car buyer will decide to buy."

"After this, all attention to detail flies out of the window and buying with the head gives way to buying with the heart."

"All too often, used car buyers are taken in by shiny paintwork and a sparkling interior when shopping for their next car, as this naturally suggests everything is in order."

"However, it is important for buyers to remain neutral and inspect a vehicle carefully, as a hidden history can be lurking just beneath the surface."

The risks of not doing so remain significant.

One in four cars checked was on outstanding finance and anyone who buys a car still on finance risks losing the car as the finance company owns the vehicle.

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Judges praised the Mondeo estate as a good all-rounder, which was more fun to drive than expected

## Technology boost for Mondeo estate

The latest Ford Mondeo has been declared the UK's best family and estate car by What Car? within months of going on sale.

Ford Mondeo, refreshed for 2011 inside and out, collected a pair of trophies at last night's What Car? Awards.

The best family car award went to the Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi 140PS Zetec, with the UK's most popular car buyer's guide also naming the same Mondeo best estate—repeating the car's double success at the What Car? Awards two years ago.

Steve Fowler, What Car? editor-in-chief, said: "The latest Mondeo is simply a brilliant car—and now even better value. It does everything brilliantly and

nothing badly—whether you choose the hatch or estate you'll be getting a spacious, high quality, affordable car that's more fun to drive than you'd expect a family car to be."

External refinements, heightened interior craftsmanship and hi-tech features define the Ford Mondeo, which went on sale in October last year.

### Sporty

New LED lights, a revised bonnet profile and full chrome window surround hint at Mondeo's sporty handling and performance. LED lighting continues on the inside, illuminating a redesigned centre console, door panels and materials including high gloss black.

The technology on board the new Ford Mondeo offers increased levels of luxury and usability,

ranging from multi-media DVD system and 265-watt sound system to lane departure warning and speed limiter.

Nigel Sharp, Ford Britain managing director, said: "Ford's newest Mondeo has an exterior look and standard of interior well suited to the executive car park. For 2011 we've added powertrains ideal for the low carbon needs of our customers."

New powertrains for 2011 are Mondeo's 1.6-litre diesel and petrol engines. The 1.6-litre TDCi diesel engine, fitted with start-stop as standard, returns over 65mpg and emits only 114g CO2/km.

The 1.6-litre 160PS EcoBoost turbo charged petrol engine, capable of 134mph, delivers 41.5mpg and emits 158g CO2/km.

The new range is priced from £17,695 on the road.

## Top honours for the new Audi A1



Audi's 'super-stylish, high quality' A1 took the top honour of Car of the Year at the What Car? awards

The new Audi A1 scooped the top honour at the prestigious What Car? Awards.

The judges were full of admiration for the premium subcompact hatchback, calling it "the ultimate down-sizer's transportation."

Steve Fowler, editor-in-chief of What Car?, explained: "The Audi A1 is brilliantly targeted and exe-

cuted. More and more buyers are looking for smaller, more efficient cars, but with all the luxury trappings of much larger cars."

"That's exactly what Audi has given them—a super-stylish, high quality small car that's affordable and great fun, too."

Audi's Peter Schwarzenbauer accepted the award and said:

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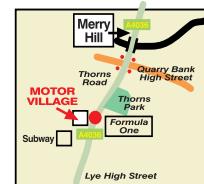
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# sport

Pressure tells as the Hawks bag five

**Girls League**

**Kidder Lions 0**

**HALAS Hawks under-15 girls** continued their impressive start to the new year with a cup win over a very good side.

They put on pressure from the first whistle and were rewarded by goals from Kate Hunnissett and Liz McLean. Further goals came from Kate Drew (2) and Rhiannon Murray. Player of the match Rebecca Ingram was solid in defence.

**Boys League**

**Kingswinford 2**

**HALAS Hawks East 3** The under-nines East bounded back from last week's defeat, going two up through Charlie Greening and Oliver Miller.

Kingswinford scored but Miller was again on target and a second Kingswinford goal was not enough. Players of the match were Oliver Miller and Joshua Yorke.

**HALAS Hawks East 4 Gornal Athletic 1**

Jordan Ward chipped the keeper to put the under-10s East ahead, but Gornal levelled through an own goal.

Halas took control in the second half when Joshua Parsons (2) and Jordan Berry netted and kept Halas at the top of the league.

**Bewdley Town 1**

**HALAS Hawks D 4**

The under-12 Dynamos took on a strong Bewdley team which had won nine out of 10 to the first division of the Stourport league.

Halas fell behind but then produced an excellent display to win 4-1 with goals from Jordan Boffey, Alex Gardener and Lewis Bryan.

A late home penalty was saved perfectly by Anthony Cowdell.

**Halas Hawks 2**

**Ettingshall 4**

A below strength under-13s squad led through Dan Jennings, whose second-half goal restored the advantage after the visitors had equalised.

Ettingshall's strength in depth saw them run out 4-2 winners. Halas player of the match was Neil Langan.

**Wombourne 2**

**HALAS Hawks 1**

The under-14s East dominated but were not clinical in their finishing with Jake Walley scoring their only goal.

**Gornal 2 Halas Hawks 4** Goals from Danny Hodges (2), Lewis Hatfield and Jamie Nicolls saw the under-15s win.

**Halas Hawks 6**

**Withymoor 3**

A high-scoring under-16s game went the way of the Hawks with a hat-trick by Guy Millward and goals for Tom Stevens, Joe Powell and James Harper.



Rider Adam Roynon

## Late goal in first Yeltz win since November

**Halesowen Town 2**  
**Stourport Swifts 1**

AN EXTRA TIME winner from Michael McGrath gave 10-man Halesowen a long awaited win in the Worcestershire Senior Cup quarter-final.

The Zamaretto Division One South and West opposition, managed by former Yeltz player of the season Richard Colwell, had earlier pulled level late in normal time to force an extra 30 minutes on Tuesday, writes David Johnson.

Halesowen had started brightly in their search for a first win since November, taking an eighth-minute lead. Captain Marlon Walters was the scorer, with his deflected wide-angled shot finding its way into the net as Stourport failed to clear a corner.

Yeltz goalkeeper Simon Flower did well to preserve the lead just two minutes later, making a fine reflex save from John Griffin's header.

The Swifts grabbed an 80th-minute equaliser when substitute Jamie Insell reacted quickly to slot home a rebound after Flower parried Griffin's shot.

Halesowen finished with a late flounce, Lee Chilton's low shot tipped away for a corner.

Into extra-time, the game ignited with Chilton shown a straight red-card in the 102nd minute for dissent.

But the 10-man got the vital goal two minutes later when McGrath's strike settled the tie.

DUDLEY HEATHENS have swooped for a major signing as they approach the new speedway season.

Former Great Britain squad member Adam Roynon will link with the club in a busy season which could see him race in all three leagues.

The Cumbrian will double up in Premier and National Leagues with Redcar and Dudley respectively, but is also in the King's Lynn pool in the top echelon.

And Roynon says he can't wait for the action to begin after a stop-start 2010 where he rode for Workington, Stoke and Lynn.

He suffered head injuries and a broken bone in his neck in an horrific smash nearly two years ago during a Great Britain squad session at Saddlebow Road. It left him with a blood clot behind the brain; he spent some time in the special neurological unit at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge and missed all the 2009 season.

But after gradually rebuilding last year the 22-year-old could make a mockery of his Heathens starting average of 7.70.

"It's all about winning races and building my confidence and that's what I intend to do for the Heathens," said Coventry asset Roynon, who will be introduced to the fans at a club event on February 25.

### Reputation

"I've heard all about their reputation and the big following they have so I'm looking forward to coming along to the special night. I've been working harder than ever before this winter to get things ready, not just on the physical side but on my schedule and my machinery."

Tickets are selling well for the Dudley Wood tribute night at Cradley Heath Liberal Club where Roynon will meet fans and top referee Tony Steele will show archive footage from the Heathens' glory days.

Double individual winners were Adam Horton, Tom McCallum and Bethan Walters with Jake Buswell, Nat Dingley, Ellie Lord, Matt McCallum, Lauren Sanders, Richard Spoor and Sam Tormans also taking wins.



Black belt Holly Walters

## Black belt for Holly at age of 12

A DUDLEY youngster has proved she's a force to be reckoned with by earning a karate black belt at the age of 12.

Holly Walters, a pupil at Bishop Milner High School on Burton Road, began training four years ago and is the youngest pupil in her British Modern Karate Association class to achieve the revered grade.

She trains twice a week at High

Arcal High School, Sedgley, along with mum Joanne, dad Nick and eight-year-old brother Jack.

Ray Hoffman, a former world kickboxing champion, coaches her.

"Holly was a natural talent when she started but along with that talent, she trained very hard and was totally committed," he said.

"The black belt grading takes

intense. She was not given any special consideration because of her age and passed completely on her own merit. I am very proud of her."

Dad Nick said Holly had grown in confidence because of the class. "She wants to carry on and pass her Dan grades," he said.

The club has classes every Monday and Thursday. Call Ray on 01902 602797 or 07973 316028.

# ROYNON SIGNS AT HEATHENS

## McCauley is the derby winner



Kevin McCauley, left, lands a blow on Wayne Downing in their Black Country duel

### The A team hold on

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club's A team just shaded its B side counterparts in round one of the Worcester Winter League.

Double individual winners were Adam Horton, Tom McCallum and Bethan Walters with Jake Buswell, Nat

A BLACK COUNTRY derby opened the boxing show at Birmingham's Tower Ballrooms as Stourbridge's former Midlands champion Kevin McCauley took on West Bromwich's one-time British Masters title contender Wayne Downing at mid-weight.

McCauley couldn't miss the body shots early on and started to put his punches together as the first round wore on, with his opponent showing his mettle by taking a flush uppercut to the chin.

Downing hung on to go the distance but McCauley was a 40-36 points winner after the four rounds.

Glen McCrory's top prospect Akash Hussain opened his professional career just as he dreamed—with a win on "home" territory.

Hussain, the 18-year-old protege of

the former IBF world cruiserweight champion and now Sky Sports Fight Night commentator, is from Newcastle but was keen to make his debut in Birmingham, where he has many relatives and friends.

And it could not have gone much better for the former junior ABA title holder whose cruiserweight opponent was Bulgarian Verban Borisov.

Hussain won the first-round comfortably, despite Borisov landing a stiff right hook. But that was as good as it got for the Bulgarian and Hussain won all four rounds in a 40-36 points call from referee Terry O'Connor.

Walsall's Danny Clews made his debut at light middleweight against Tamworth's wily veteran Matt Seawright in a six-rounder.

It wasn't easy but Clews used his skills to win by two rounds 58-56.

## Halesowen lose again as Thorpe goes

**Halesowen T 0 Bedford T 3**

Justin Nisbett flashed a shot wide and Lee Chilton saw a sixth-minute effort beaten away by Bedford keeper Ian Brown.

Nisbett made another fine run down the left as Halesowen forced three corners midway through the first-half, one yielding a Mark Smith shot which went just wide.

But Bedford doubled their lead when ex-Yeltz defender Gavin Hoyle headed on a corner for Emmanuel Richardson to touch home from close range.

But Halesowen's early endeavours were undone late in the first half when Clark whipped in a cross from the right for Ian Draycott to head home unchallenged. The home side looked to respond after the break and captain Michael McGrath lashed a 25-yarder wide before Curtis hit another attempt straight at Brown.

Richardson should have increased Bedford's lead after finding himself clear after playing a neat one-two in the 74th minute, but Hoyle made a fine save.

The visitors put the game beyond doubt when Draycott struck superb curling shot into the top corner from 20 yards.

Draycott then squandered a golden opportunity to complete his hat-trick when he ballooned a 79th-minute penalty high over the bar, following a push in the area.

With four minutes remaining Draycott raced out of goal to deny Chilton but Halesowen failed to notch a consolation and were left without a win since November.

The Yeltz face a huge relegation clash this Saturday (January 29) when they travel to face Weymouth, one place below Halesowen in 21st.

## Whiley's Grand Slam debut

WHEELCHAIR tennis ace Jordanne Whiley has made a surprise Grand Slam debut.

The Halesowen teenager arrived in Australia ready to play the ITF 3 Series Melbourne Open at Albert Reserve Tennis Centre, the practice ground for the Australian Open.

However, British number one and world number eight Lucy Shuker had to withdraw from the main event with injury, giving Whiley the wild card slot she initially missed by one ranking place.

"I was a bit shocked to hear I would be playing the Grand Slam instead of the ITF 3, but I'm more excited than anything else," said the 18-year-old before going on court.

### Tough

Whiley eventually went out in straight sets to world number four Jiske Griffioen, 6-4 6-1.

But if she was nervous it didn't show as she broke service in the first game and led 4-2 before her experienced Dutch opponent rallied and took command.

Whiley has also taken Shuker's doubles slot to partner Australia's Daniela di Toro.

And their task looks even greater as they were drawn to face reigning Wimbledon and US Open champions Esther Vergeer and Sharon Wareham of the Netherlands.

Next week Whiley competes in the Sydney International Open before returning home to continue her training at David Lloyd in Dudley.

## Causeway on march

CAUSEWAY climbed into fourth in the Midland Alliance with a 3-1 home win over Wellingborough Town.

Danny Jones notched for Causeway but Dean Williams intercepted a back pass to level with a curling shot. An end to end affair was settled by goals from Ben Stretton and Will Tibbets.

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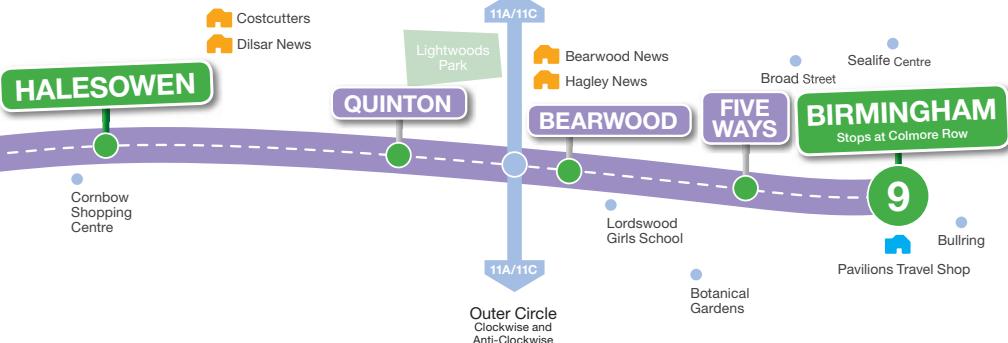
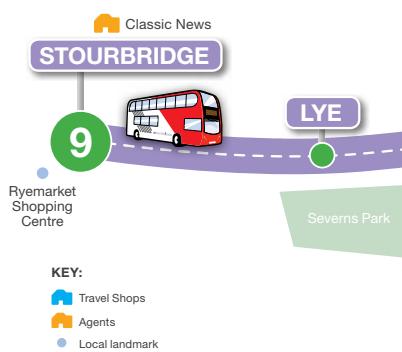
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Safer Travel, a partnership between National Express West Midlands and West Midlands Police have two full-time teams that work together to make bus journeys even safer by deterring crime and anti-social behaviour.

Inspector Cate Webb-Jones, head of the Safer Travel Police Team, said: "Increasing trust and confidence is one of our main objectives and aim for every commuter to travel in a safe environment, free from anti-social behaviour and crime."

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